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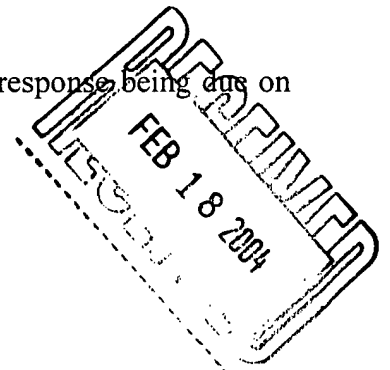
TITLE: SILVER-BARIUM LEAD ALLOY FOR LEAD-ACID BATTERY GRIDS

RESPONSE "C"

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 5, 2003, having a response being due on February 5, 2004, please consider the following remarks:



REMARKS

Upon entry of the present remarks, previous Claims 4 - 5 remain as previously presented. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present remarks serve to distinguish the present invention from the Albert publication and the Prengaman publication.

In the Office Action, it is indicated that Claims 4 - 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Albert publication (International Publication No. WO97/30183) in view of the Prengaman publication (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0009743). Fundamentally, in the Official Action, the Examiner indicates that the Albert patent teaches barium at a relative concentration of 0.02 %. According to the Examiner, "Albert is silent as to a silver content of 0.006 -